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Vehicle Air Conditioner)
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**PRELIMINARY
AMENDMENT**

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-identified application on its merits, please
amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following New Claim 13:

13. An air passage switching device according to claim 5, wherein said door plate supports said film member along a curved periphery, said openings having a curved periphery matching that of said film member.